

REMARKS

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 1-52, 110-114, and newly added dependent claims 116 and 117 (the claims having been amended to avoid multiple dependencies). Claims 53 - 109 have been canceled.

The specification has been amended to add a reference to the issued patent. A minor amendment has been made to dependent claim 40.

It is noted that all claims herein are directed to the single species of claims restricted from consideration because they were not elected in application serial number 10/689,313 filed on October 20, 2003, and issued as United States Patent No. 6,983,213.


It is further noted that in an informal copy of the IPER faxed to the undersigned by Examiner John H. LE on April 13, 2005, it is indicated that all claims in this application are directed to allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in a condition for allowance. However, if there are any issues that remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Applicant and the undersigned respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned with a view toward working together to resolve those issues, and to allow this application to proceed to grant.

It is believed that no additional fee is due with this paper. However, if any additional fee is required, please charge deposit account no. 502244.

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